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### **HOLLIDAY COMMENTS ON TODAY'S SENATE VOTE ON ESEA REAUTHORIZATION**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday praised federal lawmakers following today's 81-17 Senate vote to pass a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The House passed a reauthorization bill last week, but it contains many provisions at odds with the Senate version.

The two bills will now go to a conference committee that will attempt to work out the differences. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was most recently reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001 and was due for reauthorization in 2007. The measure sets federal education policy for public education in the U.S.

"I am glad to see both the Senate and the House make solid progress toward reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. I hope the conference committee will be able to put politics aside and reach a consensus on a bill that is in the best interest of children, rights the wrongs of No Child Left Behind and will strengthen the public education system in our country. Our nation's schools and districts have been in limbo for far too long waiting on education legislation that provides clear direction and that the President can sign into law."

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